



Redeemer Lutheran Church
and 3K/4K Preschool

Rev. Thomas Schmitt Vacancy Pastor

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Newsletter – July/August 2024

Executive Board Update

As we welcome summer to Manitowoc, we certainly have a lot of things to celebrate outside of the warmer weather! I want to start by extending a huge amount of thanks to Beth Utecht, our Director of Education, for her time and dedication to filling the Director and Teacher positions at the Pre-School. Without her leading the charge on this, the future of our preschool may have been in jeopardy, so if you see Beth, be sure to thank her for all her efforts. Kyle Weidmayer has been working hard on the arrangements around the trees that have to be removed and that is no small task! Thanks to him, and a team of volunteers, some of the trees have already been removed and plans are being finalized to hire a company to remove the rest. A big thanks to Kyle for all his work here! The rest of the board is working behind the scenes on ssher training, website development, plans for social events at the Church and lots of other things, so thank you to them as well and please be on the lookout for updates!

You will see an exciting update from the Call Committee - and I would be remiss if we didn't celebrate the members of that committee and thank them for their commitment to finding a new Pastor for Redeemer. Not only have they had a number of meetings as a group since this process began over a year ago, but the committee additionally has reviewed close to 60 PIF's and SET's of candidates that have been sent by the District and have had virtual conversations with close to 20 different Pastors. Their hours of personal time dedicated to this process is commendable, as is their continued efforts in bringing a new Pastor to our church. Please help me thank Beth, Steve, Alysha, Corey and Lee - as well as Pastor Schmitt for his guidance and insight, for their service to Redeemer.

As I mentioned - there is so much to celebrate and I believe that the best is yet to come!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." - Psalm 136

Michael Gregurich

In Celebration of Pastor Hirssig

Rev. Scott Hirssig will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination into the Holy Ministry on August 1st, 2024. Redeemer thanks you for your dedication to spreading the word of God within the walls of our church, into the homes of our shut-ins, into our community and beyond.

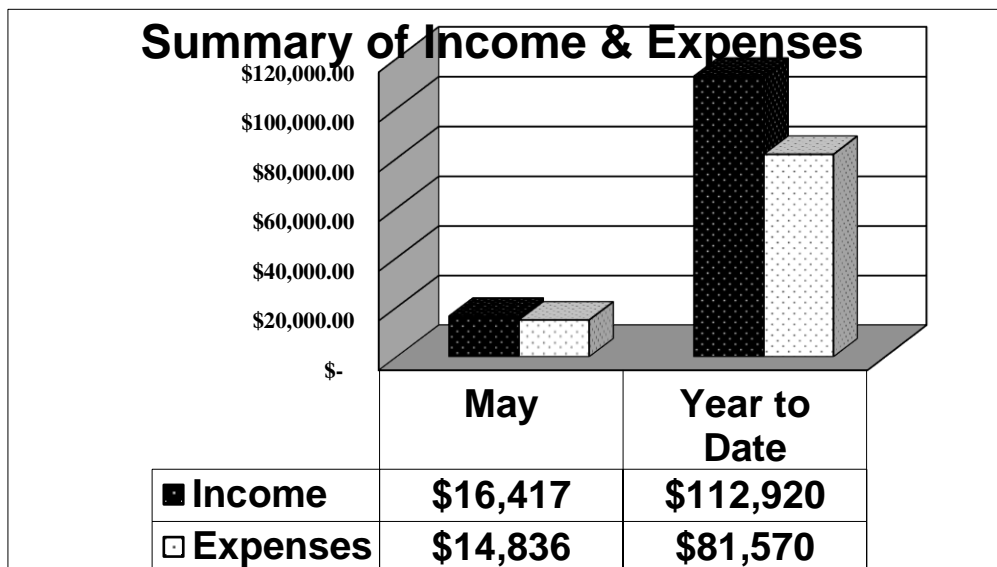
"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master."

(Matthew 25:23)

Call Committee Update and Voter's Meeting

- We will be having a Voter's Meeting on **Sunday, July 14th** immediately following the 9am service, to review the candidates from the Call Committee and to vote on Redeemer's new Senior Pastor.
- The Pastors that are being presented for the congregations consideration are:
 - Pastor Jonathan Huehn
 - Pastor Daniel Pool
 - Pastor Phil Rigdon
- As per Redeemer's Constitution, the vote shall be by written ballot cast by the Voters' Assembly members present, so anyone wishing to vote must be present at the meeting on July 14th.
- Additionally, Voting members are communicant members who have reached the age of eighteen (18).
- Voting shall continue until a clear majority has been established after candidates receiving the lowest number of votes have been eliminated in each succeeding ballot.
- We strongly encourage the congregation to read through the Pastor's Profiles (which are available during church office hours or outside that time by speaking to a member of the call committee) and to look up the Pastoral Candidates online to better acquaint yourselves with their personality, preaching style and other attributes. If you need help finding any online information or have any questions regarding the process, please speak to a call committee member.

Financial Update



Second Time Singles –

- Mark your calendars for July 17, and August 21 for picnics at Lincoln Park. Bring your own lunch and beverage (lawn chair) and meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Cabin 1 area. In case of cold or rain, meet at church in the fellowship hall. If you would be willing to provide a dessert, please let Mary Eisenschink know (920-682-1527).
- Kids From Wisconsin coming to the Capitol Civic Center on Thursday, Aug. 15. Cost is \$24.15. Signup and use the envelope provided at the tract rack. Drop in the offering box by Monday, July 8th.

Thanks to the Ladies Tuesday Bible Class for donating their offerings from the 2023-24 session to The Haven, Redeemer Garden Fund and Redeemer CD Ministry.



Hartman's Sale THANK YOU!

The sale has ended but thank you to everyone that purchased a Hartman's gift certificates. The preschool staff is very grateful for your support!

The Use of Church Items

If a member of the congregation is interested in borrowing items from the church for personal use, please request this through the church office so it can be approved by the board and we can take note of what is being used.

Tree Removal Update

Work days are Saturday June 29 and July 13, from 7am-10am. These work days will be to remove brush and cut wood. Please let Kyle know if you can help, whether that is being on site to help, equipment you can bring, refreshments, or just coming for socializing and moral support! Kyle's email is kweidmayer76@icloud.com, or you call/text him at 517-282-0309.

Please Note: The church office is closed on July 4th & 5th.



Welcome New Preschool Teacher: Christine Brockmann

We want to welcome and introduce Christine Brockmann, our new preschool teacher. Christine will be teaching the 3K class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Below is a short bio from Christine:

My first experience with Redeemer preschool was when my 15 year old was entering 3k. I have heard and experienced so many good things with this preschool. Most of my other children have also gone to Redeemer, and I have run an in-home daycare for 9 years. Our family belongs to Immanuel Lutheran church and school and my oldest is enjoying his time at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. I originally went to school for physical therapy but was drawn to developmental psychology and have loved caring for children and watching them grow and learn. Now that my youngest is entering 3k, I am looking forward to moving with some of my daycare children and helping the class grow academically, physically, and most importantly in their faith.

Welcome New Preschool Director: Jaime Wiles

We want to welcome and introduce Jaime Wiles, our new Preschool Director and teacher. Jaime will be teaching the 4K class on Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings. Below is a short bio from Jaime:

Hello! My name is Jaime Wiles & I am stepping into the role of Preschool Teacher and Program Director here at Redeemer! Patti has done a phenomenal job over the last several years! I know I have some big shoes to fill, but I am very excited for this next adventure!

My husband, Chris, and I have three children; James (18, he just graduated from Mishicot), Jacob (16, going into his junior year), and Chloe (10, getting ready for 5th grade). We have lived in Wisconsin (Tisch Mills) for the last 15 years. We moved here from Florida...I know that seems backwards and while we sometimes miss the Florida weather, we are confident we are where God would like us to be.



I was a stay at home mom for many years, but for the last five years I have been working as a Special Education Paraprofessional for the Mishicot School District. I absolutely loved that job and the kiddos I worked with, but I felt God nudging me towards working with younger kids in a different capacity. When I became aware of the job opening here at Redeemer, I knew it was where He wanted me to be.

A few things about me: I love volunteering in the nursery at our church (Hope Community Church), I am part of an afterschool Bible Club for kids held at Mishicot (sponsored by Hope), I enjoy reading, I love traveling and spending time with family and my favorite book of the Bible is Esther.

2025 National Youth Gathering

Every three years, the LCMS gathers youth and youth leaders from all over the world for a National Youth Gathering (NYG) to celebrate, learn, experience, serve, and grow in your faith. This will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 19-23, 2025. We hope to take a group of youth to learn about the theme "ENDURE", which is based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Eligible youth are 14 years old by the start of the NYG or entering 9th grade at the end of the NYG. There will be an interest/information meeting on Monday, July 15th at 7 pm (or after the church service). If you have questions, please contact Amy Kamien at amy.kamien@gmail.com.

Loved Ones in Heaven

Perhaps some members remember when Ken and Valerie Strouf were members of Redeemer but moved to Arizona because of Valerie's health issues. Valerie passed away in 2017. Ken recently passed away on May 22 in Meza, AZ. There will be a Memorial Service for Ken here at Redeemer on Monday, Aug. 5. Visitation at 10:00am and service at 11:00am for anyone wishing to attend.

We remember and honor our members who have joined our Lord in Heaven each year in November on All Saint's Day. Many times we are not aware that a member left earth to be with our Lord. Since November, those members who are no longer with us are:

Kris Neustadter – Dec. 22, 2023

Milt Troullier - Jan. 7, 2024

Casey Hafeman - March 22, 2024

Rosann Jacobi – April 22, 2024

Cliff Troullier – May 1, 2024

Ken Strouf – May 22, 2024

May our Lord comfort their families. Obituaries since All Saint's Day, 2023 are included in the Redeemer Directory -75th Anniversary edition photo album along with many other updates. It can be seen, usually on the tall stand close to the church entrance by the fellowship hall. Another album containing the obituaries from before 2023 All Saint's Day can be found in the 2nd Redeemer photo album, under Obituaries. View if interested or time allows.

Youth Game Night

There will be one game night in July/August, watch the bulletin for details!

Puzzle for July:

Haiku from Mark 4:

He rebuked the wind;

Said to the sea, "peace, be still"

There was a great _____.

Pastor Profiles

Jonathan Huehn of Bloomington, Illinois

In personal skills Pastor Huehn receives the rating very good in tact, patience, cooperation, initiative, administration, leadership, innovation, creativity, people skills, community involvement, conference and continuing education participation, attitude toward synod and district. He receives the rating outstanding in personal grooming, use of computer and attitude toward Christian day school.

In congregational ministries Pastor Huehn receives the rating very good in children's, youth, and family ministry, assimilation of new members, lay leadership development, personal witnessing, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship, sick, shut-in, outreach, and home visitation. He receives the rating outstanding in youth adult ministry. His worship style is noted to be traditional, rigid, high liturgical rigid.

His district president writes, "Pastor Huehn is a fine pastor who has very good pastoral skills. He has served faithfully as associate and now as Senior Pastor. He is firmly committed to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions."

Daniel Pool of Clinton, Iowa

In personal skills Pastor Pool receives the rating very good in patience, initiative, conference and continuing education participation, attitude toward Christian day school and synod. Pastor Pool receives the rating outstanding in tact, cooperation, people skills, personal grooming, home schooling and district.

In congregational ministries Pastor Pool receives the rating very good in children's, youth, young adult, and older adult ministry, ministry to the inactive, personal witnessing, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, worship, sick, shut-in, outreach, and home visitation. He has received the specialized training in Conflict Resolution and Evangelism. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible.

His district president writes, "Pastor Pool has matured into a fine young pastor. He is very considerate of others while remaining ever faithful to Word and Sacrament ministry. Pastor Pool is loved by his congregation and is well respected by his circuit brothers. He is learning administration skills but prefers to focus on Pastoral duties. The congregation has learned a great deal under Pastor Pool."

Philip Rigdon of Kendallville, Indiana

In personal skills Pastor Rigdon receives the rating very good in patience, initiative, administration, leadership, creativity, personal grooming, conference and continuing education participation, use of computer, attitude toward synod and district. Pastor Rigdon receives the rating outstanding in tact, cooperation, people skills, and attitude toward Christian day school.

In congregational ministries Pastor Rigdon receives the rating very good in children's, youth, young adult, singles, older adult, and family ministry, lay leadership development, counseling, preaching content and delivery, teaching ability, and worship. Pastor Rigdon receives the rating outstanding in personal witnessing, sick, shut-in, outreach, and home visitation. He has received the specialized training and/or certification/experience in Conflict Resolution, Crisis Intervention, Congregational Healing, Church Planter, Counseling, Evangelism, and Stephen Ministry. His worship style is noted to be traditional flexible, blended flexible.

His district president writes, "Pastor Rigdon is a personable and engaging man, with a gentle and friendly demeanor. He is caring and compassionate, kind and patient in his approach to people."



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

- July 1 Betty Stasiek
- July 2 Emily Budnik, Autumn Gauger, Scott Hirssig
- July 5 Brian Matthies
- July 6 Elizabeth Krajnik, Delilah Remiker, Nick Whitney, Jason Heinzen
- July 7 Taylor Hansen, Joanne Thompson, Bryce Erdmann
- July 8 Ginger Baryenbruch, Al Troullier, Caina Hafeman
- July 9 Keith Magyar, Brooke Weidmayer
- July 10 Andrea Behnke, Nancy Boprey, Jessica Schnake
- July 11 Trisha Loiselle
- July 13 Steve Hamann, Byron Kowitz, Scott Kamke
- July 14 Ashley Martell
- July 16 Kylee Schwoerer, Jacob Siebold
- July 17 Eira Decker, Ryan Kamien
- July 18 Brenna Cayemberg, Katie Gorsuch, Timothy Utecht
- July 19 Owynn Gregurich
- July 20 Louise Gomm, Connor Seiler
- July 21 Brian Blandin, Becky Borkenhagen
- July 22 Lisa Battin, Don Hafeman, John Leicht, Gabrielle Baalke, Jett Olson, Roger Gottschalk
- July 23 Shirley Bowe, Dawn Lutze, Jeff Rathjen
- July 25 Justin Gomm, Ashley Block
- July 26 Rosemary Kautzer, Gavin Lettenberger
- July 27 Megan Block, Kathy Rabenhorst, Chris Bessler, Maranda Yurk
- July 28 Anita Thrasher, Brittany Liermann, Rodney Strzyzewski, Collin Massart
- July 29 Larry Gauger
- July 31 Audrey Wilson, Carissa Luedtke, Craig Redwine



- July 4 Joe & Audrey Wilson
- July 7 Tom & Ginger Baryenbruch
- July 9 Brian & Sarah Matthies
- July 12 Corey & Lisa Van Sickle
- July 23 Jim & Beth Nadeau
- July 27 Dave & Pam Roehrig
Erik & Carissa Luedtke
- July 29 Scott & Cari Larsen

*indicates shut-in

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



Aug. 1 Gene Rieck, Jim Dabeck,
Aug. 2 Emily Kretsch
Aug. 3 Kim Hafeman
Aug. 4 Mark Hartman
Aug. 5 Peter Utecht, Halle Braun, Anna Loiselle,
 Logan Wavrunek
Aug. 6 Tara Bellanger, Jennifer Paltzer
Aug. 7 Carolyn Kohlwey, Nathan Huske,
 Gary Neustadter
Aug. 8 Amy Braun, Holly Kurschner
 Shannon Newberg
Aug. 9 Silas Birkholz
Aug. 11 Louise Strharsky, Rachel Graff
 Renee Kubsch, Scott Larsen,
 Briella Reeves, Nyssa Borkehangen
Aug. 12 John Zabel, Dawn Dabeck
Aug. 13 Bev Mann
Aug. 14 Kim Andrastek
Aug. 15 Emily Schnake
Aug. 16 Tony Loiselle
Aug. 17 Brooke Korlesky, Sophia Utecht
Aug. 18 Jane Lyon, Myles Heinzen,
 Preston Hayon, Lorie Hirssig
Aug. 19 Amy Cain
Aug. 20 Chuck Newberg, Nathan Kurschner,
 Jon Korlesky, Lisa Van Sickle
Aug. 21 Kyle Reuter
Aug. 22 Zach Malueg, Sheng Vang
Aug. 23 Corrine Eichmann
Aug. 24 Stacy Blahnik
Aug. 25 Kay Felde,
Aug. 28 Charlotte Weber
Aug. 29 Eunice MacDonald, Rebekka Heinzen
Aug. 30 Amber Andrastek
Aug. 31 Lily Reimer



Aug. 2 Steve & Bev Mann
Aug. 4 Matthew & Marti Conrad
Aug. 6 Aaron & Anita Thrasher
Aug. 7 Ron & Bev Borchardt
 Luther & Lyda Schnake
Aug. 12 Byron & Ramona Kowitz
 Justin & Autumn Gomm
Aug. 13 Lee & Julie Troullier
Aug. 15 Mark & Mary Hartman
Aug. 17 John & Nancy Zabel
Aug. 19 Chuck & Diane Newberg
Aug. 23 Rob & Kelly Block
Aug. 28 Rick & Alice Gunderson
Aug. 29 Kyle & Alysha Olson

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July 2024

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	1) Worship 6pm	2)	3)	4) Office Closed	5) Office Closed	6)
7) Worship 9am Fellowship STS Breakfast	8) Worship 6pm	9) Finance 8:15am	10)	11) Executive Board Mtg. 6:30pm	12) Office Closed	13) Tree Work Day 7-10am
14) Worship 9am Voter's Meeting	15) Worship 6pm Youth Gathering Meeting 7pm	16) Finance 8:15am	17) STS Picnic	18)	19) Office Closed	20)
21) Worship 9am Fellowship	22) Worship 6pm	23) Finance 8:15am	24)	25)	26) Office Closed	27)
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